









#### SKILLINGTON

Mrs. J. P. Skillings is in Wakefield, visiting her parents.  
Miss Florence Young is visiting her brother, William Young, and sister, Mrs. Clarence Juddins.  
Fred Bartlett, of Bethel called on Jesse Chapman, Sunday.  
Mrs. Maud Sanborn is improving fast from the poisoning in her feet.  
Mrs. Richardson spent the afternoon with Mrs. Sanborn, Sunday.  
Mrs. Grace Foley is assisting Mr. Sanborn with her housework.  
Mr. and Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. Foley were in Norway, Tuesday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Griffin were in Rumford, Saturday.  
Mr. Claud Edwards has the care of the stable for J. P. Skillings.  
Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Kimball of Portland made a short call in town one day lately.

#### SOUTH WOODSTOCK

Ernest Bryant is working for A. M. Andrews. He is moving into the house recently vacated by Kenneth Benson.  
Alvah Hendrickson has been moving Freeman Wyman's goods to Mechanic Falls.  
Mrs. Alvah Hendrickson and two children visited her mother, Mrs. A. D. Littlehale, at North Paris one day last week.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bryant, Arthur Thurlow and Gladys Thurlow were in

Auburn on business last Wednesday.  
Miss Mary Hendrickson spent the week end at her home from her school at Auburn.  
Miss Elsie Wilson is attending school at Pine Tree Academy, Auburn, Me.  
Miss Myrtle Wilson is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. C. E. Beckler.  
Miss Lulu Day is teaching the Perkins school and is boarding at Leon Poland's.  
Mr. Frank Andrews went to Portland Monday after Mrs. Andrews who has been spending a few days there.

#### ALBANY

About fifty people attended the Circle Thursday evening which was entertained by Roy Wardwell George Cummings, Will Grover, Irving Beckler, L. J. Andrews and Abel Andrews. A beautiful supper was served in an efficient manner, also "work done up" after supper, even to the last dish washed and put away orderly in the cupboard. A pleasing program of music and readings was presented. All felt that many thanks were due to our hosts who gave us such an enjoyable evening.  
Guy Johnson from Haverhill, Mass., spent the week end at Irving Beckler's. His mother, Mrs. Inez Bean, returned with him and will keep house for him this winter. He has employment in the shoe shop at Haverhill.  
Miss Elizabeth Skeel is spending a few days with friends in Portland.



#### MUSKRAT AND FRED

Fred had gone on a picnic with several of his friends. They were making coffee when suddenly Fred saw a muskrat. The muskrat was looking at Fred.  
"I know what he is saying to me," said Fred, after he had pointed out the muskrat to the others.  
The muskrat was sitting by the root of an old tree and was on the opposite side of the river from where Fred and his friends were having their picnic.  
"What do you suppose he is saying?" the others asked Fred.  
"He is saying," Fred continued, "Well, what is the name of old Dr. Bell? He is going on over there? Well, I'll just watch those silly creatures."  
"Alas, now I will know no privacy," The warm weather has come and the people will come out and I will have no rest until next winter.  
"By the ghost of my immortal great-grandfather ten times removed, it was better when wolves and bears were about."  
"Of course," Fred added, "it is not certain that these are his thoughts, but if they aren't they should be."  
"Otherwise he would have no reason for looking so cross about our picnic."  
"Although," Fred went on, "it might really be excusable in his case, for it seems to me that if I lived in a muddy bank of a river I would have a bad temper, what with colds in the head, rheumatism and tired, cold feet."  
As Fred said this the muskrat decided it was time to let his family see what was going on, so up he went along his side of the bank and before long came back again with five relatives.  
They all watched to see what mischief Fred and his friends might be up to, and the youngest of all was



"A Most Delightful Sandwich."

made to act as guard while the others decided they would be off.  
Strangely enough, the young muskrat was very curious. He was more curious than the first one had been, and more curious than muskrats usually are.  
"I'm going to stay around," he said to himself. "The others seem to have seen all they want to see. But I want to watch these curious people amusing themselves as they sit about and eat."  
So the young muskrat wandered about and something was thrown in his direction. He picked it up, and it was good to eat.  
Yes, it was a most delightful sandwich. He knew his family would not approve of his eating food given him in that way. He knew that the old muskrat who had been around first would have said to him:  
"Young idiot, do you not remember our aunt's mother's cousin was just such a fool as you, and now where is he?"  
"Where is he, I ask you? He is the middle piece of a lady's fur coat; that is where he is."  
But the young muskrat was glad his wise relation was not around to speak to him in this way, for one's elders were silly, all young creatures knew that!  
And besides, the soft sandwich had been very good. And now he gobbled another one for, on second thoughts, his wise relatives and the eldest of all especially, might not warn him against the picnic food, but might eat it themselves.  
And the sandwich did him no harm. No, indeed; but Fred wondered if he might not get too many fine ideas in his muskrat head.  
You, Fred was afraid that perhaps he might think that he was to be given delicacies, like this, and that his young head might be turned.  
He perhaps he might suffer the same fate as his relative who was gone in a lady's fur coat.  
But still Fred would give him nothing but the best of food, and perhaps it was nice for a muskrat to be able to enjoy a picnic as well as people.  
That was what Fred finally decided. If people enjoyed picnics then surely once in a while a muskrat might be given the joy of a picnic, too.  
And whenever after that Fred went on a picnic he always spoke of the muskrat to whom he had thrown sandwiches and who had seemed as fond of eating picnic food as any of them.  
And he wondered, too, if the muskrat boasted to the other muskrats of the attention he had received.  
For surely it was enough to make a muskrat boast a little bit, at any rate.

#### RUMFORD

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jordan and daughter, Priscilla, left Sunday for Arlington, Mass., where they will attend the wedding of Mrs. Jordan's brother, Mr. Waldo Lovejoy, to Miss Constance Dodge. The wedding will occur on Monday evening in the Congregational Church of Arlington. Mr. Lovejoy is a young Rumford business man and is well liked. He is associated with his father, E. L. Lovejoy, in the Rumford Falls Insurance Agency. The young people will make their home with Mr. E. L. Lovejoy on Franklin Street.

Mrs. Armand Bladreau of this town was killed while on a trip to Quebec with a party of friends and relatives. It appears that Auguste Picard of this town took Mrs. Bladreau with her father, mother and brother to Asbestos, Que., to visit some relatives. In the evening after arriving the young people were going out for a ride with Picard planning to go to Danville, Que. On a sandy curve the big Paige overturned. All but one girl were pinned under the car, this young lady went for assistance but it was with great difficulty that the rescuers were able to raise the big car and extricate the occupants. All were taken to the Sherbrooke hospital where Mrs. Bladreau died a few hours later from internal injuries. The other members of the party were seriously injured but not fatally. The body of Mrs. Bladreau was brought to Rumford and funeral services were held Thursday morning from St. John's Church. Mrs. Bladreau is survived by her husband, Armand, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Drapreau and by four brothers and three sisters all of Rumford. Mrs. Bladreau was well known in Rumford and her many friends extend their sympathy to her husband. She was 19 years of age.

On Tuesday afternoon at the church parlor of the Universalist Church an informal social was held in honor of Mrs. Lambert who left on Friday morning for St. Petersburg, Florida. The parlor was delightfully decorated with cut flowers and a large number of ladies were present. After the business meeting was over at which time the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: president, Mrs. Nina Israelson; vice-president, Mrs. Louise Hutchins; secretary, Mrs. Emma B. Howe and treasurer, Mrs. Rudora Ames; a delightful lunch of sandwiches, cake and tea was served. Following this Mrs. Clough introduced Mrs. Clara M. Jones as the speaker of the afternoon. Mrs. Jones arose and in her pleasant and gracious manner presented Mrs. Lambert with a writing portfolio and a fountain pen. Mrs. Lambert responded in a pleasing manner and promised to use both gifts in writing to members of the Aid.

Albert Shea, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Shea of Knox Street, has resumed his studies at the Northeastern College in Boston.  
Miss Mary Sanford Coombs, who has been for several years domestic science teacher in the Rumford schools left the first of the week for Springfield, Md., where she has accepted a position as dietitian in the state hospital.  
Miss Amelia Paquin has returned to New York after a visit spent with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Paquin, of Knox Street.  
The little three year old son of Lester Hathaway of Bryant's Pond is receiving treatment at the McCarty Hospital for an infected foot. The little fellow stepped on a rusty nail and infection set in. At the present time he is improving.

It has been thought wise by the Superintendent and school board of this town to restrict the domestic science and manual training courses in the Rumford schools to the seventh, eighth and first year in the high grades. This will save expense and it is deemed wiser as pupils before the ages contained in the seventh grade are able to do very little and so little that it is not thought it warrants the expense put into this course earlier than the seventh grade. In doing this one teacher for domestic science can handle all the classes in the Rumford schools, so this makes quite a reduction in the expense account.  
Rodney MacGregor entertained a party of boys at a corn roast at the Abbott farm at East Rumford, Saturday night. Among those present were Horace Irish, Charles Hutchins and Willard Shurtliff. The boys had a fine time and ate generously of the corn.  
Mrs. H. W. Curtis and two children, Robert and Wallace, accompanied by Mrs. Curtis' mother, Mrs. H. E. Wallis, of Waltham, Mass., arrived in town on Thursday of last week and are now settled in the Baptist rectory. The Rev. Mr. Curtis began his pastorate at the Rumford Baptist church on Sunday of last week.

#### WEST GREENWOOD

Mrs. Addie Conner, who has been visiting in West Bethel, Albany and South Paris, is now visiting at Geo. Conner's. Mr. and Mrs. William Trussler and daughter, Daisy, of Sherbrooke, P. Q., recently visited at the home of Mrs. William Dearden. They returned home by way of the mountains.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Deegan are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter.  
May Murphy of Boston, Mass., spent two days of last week with her uncle, John Gill.  
Among the out of town callers for the past week were Mrs. Martha Bartlett, William Barrett, Alton and Charles Bartlett, Ray and Roy Cummings, Lester Swan, Leonard Armstrong, Sidney Jodrey, Norman Dudley, Albert Phadere, S. S. Greenleaf, Dr. Wight and Ernest Cross.  
Mrs. Harding is working at the home of John Deegan.  
Several from this vicinity attended the fair of last week.  
Mr. and Mrs. Chase were at P. G.

Sloan's, Sunday.  
Annie Cross was the guest of Marjorie Farwell one night last week.

#### RUMFORD POINT

F. A. Knight and wife of Saco were calling on friends here Wednesday.  
W. S. Stearns and I. W. Stowe are working in the corn shop at the Center. Mrs. Hayes is a guest of Mrs. Fanny Horn of Norway.  
Mr. Merrill of Gorham, N. H., was in town, Tuesday.  
W. H. Barker is home from the Lakes. L. M. Hutchins and family attended Farmington fair.  
Holt Bros. of Dixfield were settling work in the cemetery here last week.  
Ralph Hall and wife of East Dixfield were in town, Tuesday.  
Most of the people here went to Newry fair, Saturday.  
M. E. Barker and family went to Lewiston for the winter, recently.

#### Shining Windows.

Window panes rubbed briskly with a cloth dipped in vinegar will be bright.

#### Bethel Village Corporation FIRE ALARM SIGNALS

- 1 blast, repeated at one minute intervals—Broad Mason and Paradise Streets.
  - 2 blasts, repeated at one minute intervals—Mill Hill.
  - 3 blasts, repeated at two minute intervals—Church, Park, Upper High, Upper Summer, Elm Streets.
  - 4 blasts, repeated at two minute intervals—Main to Bryant's Store, Spring, Brighton, Chapman Streets.
  - 5 blasts, repeated at two minute intervals—Lower Main, Mechanic, Lower High, Clark, Lower Summer, Vernon Streets.
  - 6 blasts, repeated at two minute intervals—Mills, Mill Yards and Railroad Street.
- In case of fire call the telephone office, toll the operator where the fire is, and she will tend to the alarm. There are two alarm boxes, one on the corner of Church and Main Streets, the other on the corner of Main and High Streets at the rear of Wm. C. Bryant's store.

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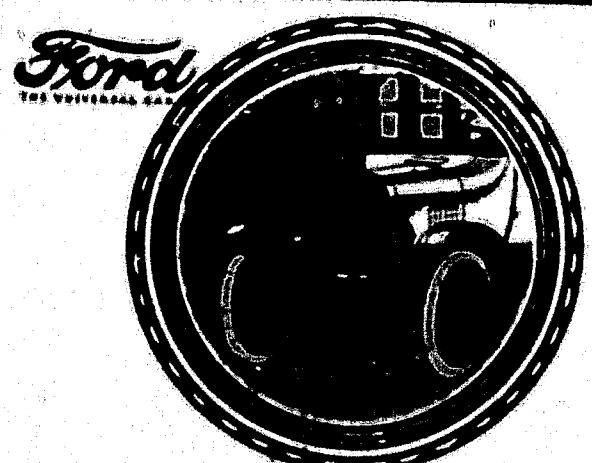
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For something you can always be certain is a Wooltex Knockabout—four seasons. Wooltex coats are tailored like a man's line overcoat, finished with care. A Knockabout bought once will be a service coat for several seasons' wear.

WOOLTEX COATS in the following high grade materials, Exccello, Pentalure, Canada, Francine, Fashiona, Polaire, Chinchilla and overplaid.

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## Ladies' and Misses' Fall Dresses

A presentation of radiantly beautiful, fashionably correct Fall Dresses for those who are ready for the Fall season. The display comprises a large number of delightful youthful styles and we should be more than pleased to have you inspect them.

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## WHY

### Some Scholars Believe Earth Is Drying Up

Geographers assert that there is every evidence that the great desert belt that extends across Africa and Asia at or a little above the tropic of Cancer is growing larger and drier. The Syrian desert, which is now an utter waste, was crowded with cities and full of cultivated fields only two or three thousand years ago. Mesopotamia and Persia, ancient seats of civilization, could scarcely have risen so high if their climate then had been what it is now.

There are plenty of evidences that the Sahara and the Libyan desert have encroached on the fertile lands of north Africa and of the Sudan. The old "granary of Rome" in Tunis is now largely an arid waste. It is not surprising if the Nile draws less water than it used to from its tributaries in the Sudan, and loses more than it used to by evaporation. Most geographers agree that the deserts are growing at present. Some believe that it is only an inevitable step in the drying up of the earth, and expect the process to go on forever, though perhaps with occasional recessions.

Other scholars say that there is evidence of an extraordinary amount of fluctuation in the climate of the world; that there have been much drier periods than ours, as well as much wetter ones; and that the widening of the northern desert band is only a phase in a long-time movement of climate from wet to dry and back again. But as these regular movements are extremely slow, often taking many thousands of years to complete their swing, none of us now living will be here long enough to know which theory is the right one.

### TO MAKE COMPLETE CHANGE

Why the Post Office Department is Revising Entire Stamp Series Is Explained to Public.

A complete change in the design of our stamps has just been announced by the United States postal service, the ninth in the history of the country. Denominations from one cent to twelve cents follow the (meshed) design of commemorating great figures in American history. The story of the nation is told in the nine designs and denominations from 14 cents to 93.

The purpose of revising the entire stamp series was to produce designs which would have more distinctive color and clearer numerals. Numerous complaints concerning the old series of stamps were made to the Post Office Department and it is known that serious losses and mistakes resulted from the lack of definition in certain of the former designs.

Traditional fate has waited upon the 13-cent stamp. This denomination will not appear in the new series. It was brought out during the war when the combined postage and registration fee was 13 cents. Two new denominations take the place of this engraving in the stamp constellation, the 14-cent stamp and the 25-cent stamp, which are useful in connection with parcel post.

### Why Best Bananas Remain Home.

The ordinary fruit-stand banana is grown chiefly in Jamaica, Costa Rica and other parts of tropical America. Some attempt has been made to grow them in California, Louisiana and in other states with warm climates, but this is more or less of an experiment, because the plant cannot endure the slightest frost. As a novelty, a few banana plants have borne fruit in colder climates, but under special protection.

It is interesting to note that the best and most tasty bananas are not known to most of us because they are too perishable to ship any distance. In the East Indies there are bananas that grow over a foot long and about two inches thick. These are not exported, but are used for home consumption.—The Post-Register.

### Why Editors Went Armed.

J. H. McMillan has written the life of the chronicler, Henry McMillan, who founded the London Standard in 1825, says the Detroit News.

McMillan's "New Letters," from 1827 to 1850, the manuscript of which have been at Longwood, Wiltshire, since 1811 have been carefully examined. Mr. McMillan compares the life of a journalist of those far-off days with that of the present.

"A remarkable contrast," he writes, "to a modern editor journeying to his daily work was presented by the bearded, somewhat century news writer, mounted on horseback and traveling to Wiltshire or the 'Seven Stars' in the Strand, armed with a sword and a brace of pistols in his holster, because of the footpads at Knightsbridge."

### Why Janitors Don't Marry.

All the world is popularly supposed to love a lover and it is a common belief that all the world has a kindly spot in his or their hearts for the newweds. There is, however, one class that does not look with eyes of favor on the newly married—the apartment house janitor.

"These new tenants in 41," said one disgruntled janitor the other night, "are newweds."

"Why the dislike?" asked a friend. "All newweds are a nuisance," replied the janitor, biting off a large chew of tobacco. "They don't know how to run things. The first thing you know every time the place is messy and..."



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Carl L. Brown, Bethel.

### STATE OF MAINE

To all persons interested in the Estates hereinafter named: At a Probate Court, held at Bethel, in the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of September, 1923, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, the following matters having been presented for consideration, the Court is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three times in a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they appear at a Probate Court to be held at Bethel, on the third Tuesday, to-wit: A. D. 1923, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon, if they see cause.

And it is further ordered, that the said notice be given by the Clerk of said Court, to-wit: Albert D. Park, Esq., at the cost of the parties interested, and that the said notice be published in the said newspaper, to-wit: The Oxford County Citizen, at the cost of the parties interested.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, at Bethel, this 27th day of September, 1923.

Albert D. Park, Esq., Clerk.

### NOTICE

The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been duly appointed executrix of the estate of Augustus J. Carter, late of Bethel in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bond to the law directs. All persons having claims against the estate of said deceased are desired to present them for settlement, and all indebted to said estate are requested to make payment to the undersigned.

FRANCES H. CARTER, Bethel, September 20th, 1923.

Charter No. 7813  
Reserve District No. 1  
REPORT OF CONDITION OF  
BETHEL NATIONAL BANK  
At Bethel in the State of Maine  
the close of business on Sept. 14, 1923.

RESOURCES	
1 a Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, acceptances of other banks, and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with indorsement of this bank (except those shown in b and c)	\$70,000.00
4 U. S. Government Securities owned:	
a Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bonds par value)	10,000.00
b All other United States Government securities (including premiums, if any)	27,225.00
Total	37,225.00
5 Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.	101,000.00
8 Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	16,000.00
10 Cash in vault and amount due from national banks	37,000.00
Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13	25,000.10
14 b Miscellaneous cash items	
15 Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	
Total	\$274,000.10
LIABILITIES	
17 Capital stock paid in	\$25,000.00
18 Surplus fund	22,000.00
19 Undivided profits	114,000.00
c Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	1,000.00
20 Circulating notes outstanding	10,000.00
21 Postpaid checks outstanding	
Total of Items 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25	\$132,000.00
26 Individual deposits subject to check	20,000.00
Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve	20,000.00
Items 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31	201,512.91
Total	\$274,000.10

STATE OF MAINE  
COUNTY OF OXFORD, SS:  
I, Harry C. Park, Clerk of said Court, do hereby certify that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HARRY C. PARK, Clerk.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of September, 1923.

A. E. HERRICK, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:  
HENRY M. WALKER,  
CLARENCE R. FOX,  
FRED L. BOWARDS, Jr.



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Carl L. Brown, Bethel.

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To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named:

At a Probate Court, held at Paris, Me. and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three. The following matters having been presented for the notice thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen, a newspaper published at Bethel, Maine, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, Me. on the third Tuesday of October, A. D. 1923, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Plus E. Lowe late of Bethel, deceased; petition for an allowance out of personal estate presented by Louise E. Lowe, widow.

Harold M. Williamson late of Norway, deceased; will and petition for probate of said will and the appointment of Harry A. Williamson as executor of the same; presented by said Harry A. Williamson, the executor therein named.

Harold J. Sargent late of Magalloway Plantation, deceased; first account presented for allowance by Lewis Leavitt, executor.

William Aretas E. Stearns, Judge of said Court at Paris, this third Tuesday of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

Albert D. Park, Register.

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FRANCES H. CARTER, Bethel, Maine.  
September 26th, 1923. 9-27-23

Charter No. 7813  
Reserve District No. 1  
REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE  
BETHEL NATIONAL BANK,

At Bethel in the State of Maine, at the close of business on Sept. 14, 1923.

RESOURCES

1 a Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, acceptances of other banks, and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with indorsement of this bank (except those shown in b and c) \$70,349.78

4 U. S. Government Securities owned:

a Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bonds per value), 10,000.00

b All other United States Government securities (including premiums, 27,325.00

Total, 37,325.00

5 Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc., 101,577.20

8 Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank, 16,911.69

13 Cash in vault and amount due from national banks, 35,802.10

Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13, 35,802.10

14 Miscellaneous cash items, 535.48

15 Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer, 600.00

Total, \$274,471.22

LIABILITIES

17 Capital stock paid in, \$25,000.00

18 Surplus fund, 29,503.69

19 Dividend paid, \$14,122.08

c Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid, 1,230.00

20 Circulating notes outstanding, 10,000.00

21 Outstanding checks outstanding, 81.32

Total of Items 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25, \$123,012.91

26 Individual deposits subject to check, 201,512.91

Total of demand deposits (other than check deposits) subject to Reserve, Items 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31, 201,512.91

Total, \$274,471.22

STATE OF MAINE, COUNTY OF OXFORD, SS:

I, Elmer C. Park, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ELMER C. PARK, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of September, 1923.

A. E. HERRICK, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:

WILLIAM M. WALKER, CLARENCE R. FOX, FRED L. EDWARDS, Directors.

## WEST PARIS

There was a very pleasant family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stevens, Sunday, when they assisted by their son, Ernest Bisbee, entertained a family party composed of the descendants of the Stevens' and Bisbee's. The efforts of Mr. Stevens and his family were greatly appreciated and the day was happily and quietly passed. Music was furnished on the Victrola and a bountiful dinner was served with plenty of homemade ice cream. Those who were present were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stevens of Paris, Mrs. Lucy Cummings and sons, Leon and Ronald of Freeport; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stevens and daughters, Marion and Irene, and sons, Stanley and Harold of Sumner; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stevens and daughter, Dorothy, of W. Paris; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hayden and daughter, Annette of Backfield; Eugene Hazelline of Sumner. Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Tuell, Mr. and Mrs. George Tuell and daughter, Margaret, and son, Gilman, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stevens, and son Ernest Stevens.

Evelyn J., daughter of Mrs. Bessie Oldham Small and the late Frank Small, passed away at Mother's Sanitarium Friday morning. She was born in West Paris, May 6, 1904, and with the exception of eight years, when the family resided in Berlin, N. H., has spent her life here. Miss Small has been in delicate health from her birth but was able to attend school until her first year in high school, when heart disease and other complications made it necessary for her to leave school. She has continued to fail gradually, but her final illness has been very painful. With the other complications she had an abscess caused from a tooth, which had to be removed, and she was taken to Mother's Sanitarium.

Miss Small was a lovable young lady, deeply interested in the higher things of life. As long as health permitted she was a regular attendant at the Federal church and Sunday School, her religious preference being Methodist. She was a member of West Paris Grange, and was an interested worker. Miss Small had a very sweet soprano voice, and was always willing to sing when invited and conditions permitted.

Besides her mother she leaves two sisters, Mrs. Kathleen, wife of Lorenzo Littlefield, and Rosellen, also three brothers Nathan, Bernard and Edwin, all younger than she, a grandmother, Mrs. P. J. Bates of Lisbon, and uncle, Walter Small, of Dixfield.

The funeral was held from the Baptist church Sunday. Rev. C. H. Young of Norway officiated by special request. There were many pretty flowers.

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## THE J. E. JONES LETTER

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all the way from enthusiasm to simple assent, and 221 hold out that it is "no good." Since about one-third of the Agents replied that they had not personally listened in to receive the mystic messages of radio the attitude of the 221 Doubting Thomases seems to be accounted for.

What radio can do—and is doing to improve the happiness and advance the prosperity of farm dwellers is altogether another story. The Agricultural Department takes it for granted that there is at least nothing harmful that can come out of radio and therefore it is constantly expanding its service in the States will be reached in time. And as the wave widens and the number of radio users grows the Department proposes to increase its efficiency and if necessary add additional features to its service, because the functions of this branch of Uncle Sam's institution is almost wholly "Service."

## THE KU KLUX KLAN

Independent of what the Ku Klux Klan may be as an organization it is universally regarded as dynamic in all well-regulated newspaper offices. But by harkening back to Huxley's Lay Sermons, wherein it is recorded that "a world of facts lies outside and beyond the world of words," we obtain a background that takes us "outside" the Oklahoma struggle into the safety-zone wherein President U. S. Grant (like Governor Jack Walton) "took up arms against a sea of trouble," and by upholding the Klan that operated in the South ended it. In a special message to Congress on March 31, 1871, President Grant asked for legislation empowering him to deal with a condition of affairs which he described as "rendering life and property insecure, and the carrying of the mails and the collection of the revenue dangerous." Congress passed the "force bill" within a month. The President was empowered to use "the militia of the land and naval forces of the United States . . . for the suppression of such insurrection, domestic violence, or combinations" as existed. A short time thereafter President Grant issued a proclamation calling upon members of the associations in nine countries in South Carolina to disperse and surrender their arms and disguise within five days. Two hundred persons were arrested and the Klan was completely overthrown in the country.

According to Governor Walton the Klan has become an "invisible government" in Oklahoma, and as such it is claimed that it is replacing constituted civil authority. The Klan of today is far different in purpose from that which existed after the Civil War, but its methods are similar in many respects. Quite likely Governor Jack Walton has been making up on Grant's experience, and has concluded that a modern government ought to be able to match the achievements of an old-time president. Although he has succeeded in making Oklahoma more spectacular than ever—watchdogging the treasury.

A well-authenticated news item appearing in the Washington newspapers of this week says that Secretary of the Treasury Mellon is preparing to defeat, if possible, the passage of a soldiers' bonus bill at the coming session of Congress. Mellon is reported as making plans to educate the country to the means of increased taxation. He will specialize in this undertaking by making an anti-bonus fight. Despite the prediction that Congress is lined up for the bonus it is remembered that Mellon won out last winter. All signs point towards failure.

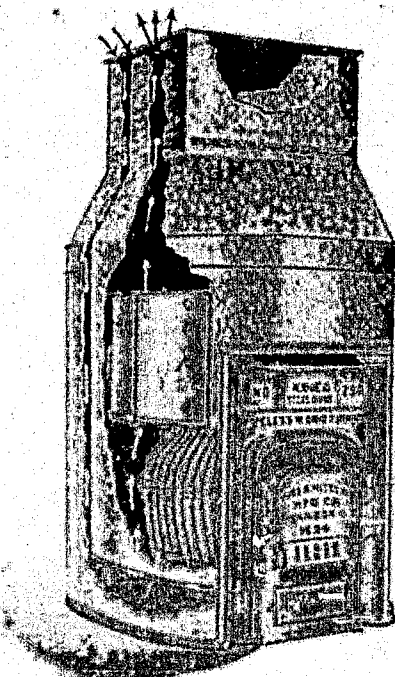
## DANGER IN DELAY

## Kidney Diseases Are Too Dangerous For Bethel People to Neglect

The great danger of kidney troubles is that they so often get a firm hold before the sufferer recognizes them. Health will be gradually undermined. Backache, headache, nervousness, lameness, soreness, lumbago, urinary troubles, dropsy, gravel and Bright's disease may follow as the kidneys get worse. Don't neglect your kidneys. Help the kidneys with Doan's Kidney Pills, which are so strongly recommended right here in Bethel.

Mrs. A. L. Holt, 7 Elm St., says: "We have used Doan's Kidney Pills in our home and wouldn't be without a box in case of need. I used Doan's when my kidneys were out of order and I had severe spells of backache. Everything seemed a drag to me when going about my housework and I was so dizzy I was afraid to walk across the floor for fear of falling. I could see black specks before my eyes. As soon as I began using Doan's Kidney Pills, which I got at Boserman's Drug Store, I got relief and three boxes cured me."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Holt had. Foster-McMillan Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y. adv.



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Remember the Date---October 15th

Vote on the 48-Hour Law  
Referendum . . . . .

NO X

ON OCTOBER 15th

Every man and woman voter in Maine is in duty bound to express opinion on a proposed law which shall make it an offence against the law for any person employing a woman in any capacity in any sort of industry in Maine, for more than 48-hours in any one week.

The Present

Law permits women to work 64 hours a week. This law will reduce the hours of work SIX hours a week.

If You Pass this Law

It Will Put Maine at an

11 Percent Disadvantage

With Every Other Industrial State in the United States Making Cotton and Woolen Goods and Shoes, Except One.

IF THIS LAW affecting women is passed, every cotton mill and every shoe shop will be put on the 48-hour basis.

IT WILL tend to throw women out of work.

IT WILL damage the values of farm-property.

IT WILL increase the danger of Southern competition in cotton-mills.

IT WILL increase the present movement of shoe-industry toward the Middle West.

IT WILL prevent new industries from coming to Maine, to locate.

IT WILL cause Maine capital now in the cotton-manufacturing business to put their money in the South, instead of building new mills here.

IT WILL be a blow to Maine, which is already having a hard enough time to get along.

Be Sure to VOTE

And if you want to save Maine from a serious handicap at this time, when Southern Mills and shops are working as they please vote NO.

VOTE "NO" OCTOBER 15th

(Signed)

Enlarged Committee Associated Industries of Maine  
L. M. Carroll Norway, Maine, Chairman.











